



Service of the Lord's Day, September 29, 2019

Welcome!

*Druid Hills Presbyterian Church
calls everyone into Christian community to
explore God's purpose for our lives,
celebrate God's work in the world,
and serve the needs of our neighbors.*

*We want to know you've worshipped with us! Please sign the blue Fellowship Pad,
located in the rack, at the end of each pew, and pass it down the row.*

GOD GATHERS US AROUND THE WORD

† *You are invited to stand when you see this symbol.*

PRELUDE

Contemplation on Julion

arr. Matthew H. Corl

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Inspired by Psalm 63:1-2, Isaiah 55:1-3

*Leader: Only the hungry search for bread.
Only the thirsty look for water.*

All: This is a place for those who are hungry and thirsty in spirit.

*Only those who ache for meaning will pursue it.
Only those who yearn for a deeper life will seek it.*

This is a place for those who ache and yearn for something more.

*So let us come here today with our hunger and thirst,
our unsatisfied longings, our heart-felt yearnings,
and let the God of life satisfy our souls.*

† **HYMN #761**

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

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ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 6: 1-14

p 97 NT

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SILENT REFLECTION

**We believe that God is present
in the darkness before dawn;
in the waiting and uncertainty
where fear and courage join hands,
conflict and caring link arms,
and the sun rises over barbed wire.**

**We believe in a with-us God
who sits down in our midst
to share our humanity.**

**We affirm a faith
that takes us beyond a safe place:
into action, into vulnerability
and onto the streets.**

**We commit ourselves to work for change
and put ourselves on the line;
to bear responsibility, take risks,
live powerfully
and face humiliation;
to stand with those on the edge;
to choose life and be used by the Spirit
for God's new community of hope.**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*The Lord be with you.
And also with you.*

*Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.*

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

...Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE AND OFFERING OUR GIFTS

All communion bread is gluten free

You are invited to come forward for the Lord's Supper.

In response to God's grace, you are invited to place your offering in the plates after receiving communion. Please then continue to the back of the sanctuary, where we will join together in serving God by packaging 10,000 meals for our more vulnerable neighbors in the developing world.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Dove Of Peace

Charles Callahan

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

AN INTRODUCTION TO RISE AGAINST HUNGER

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

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WORSHIP NOTES

This morning's Call to Worship was written by Ann Siddall, in *Lent to Easter Liturgies: Year C*, from Stillpoint Spirituality Center, stillpointsa.org.au.

Rise Against Hunger Worship Service: Once again DHPC is joining together to fight hunger through a meal packaging event organized by Rise Against Hunger, an international hunger relief organization that distributes food and life-changing aid to the world's most vulnerable. For the third year in a row, DHPC members and friends will join together to worship God by packaging slightly more than 10,000 meals!

We are grateful to have Michael Ashley from Rise Against Hunger with us this morning. Michael joined Rise Against Hunger in January of 2012 as the Assistant Program Manager after completing his B.A. in International Affairs. He became Program Manager of the Atlanta branch in February of 2014. Prior to his time with Rise Against Hunger, Michael worked for IBM in software sales and served three years doing humanitarian mission work in India, Cambodia, and Thailand.

PRAYERS

pray for DHPC community
Charles Middleton, Lisa Carter

Pray for our family and friends

Joan Davis Smith, sister of Linda and Betty Davis; **Nettie Obei**, neighbor and visitor at DHPC; **Ellen Landon**, friend of Robert Welborn; **Jan Murphy**, friend of Robert Welborn; **Luis Bolano**, Tyler Merceron's uncle; **Gene Daughtry**, Andy Acton's grandfather; **Sharon Schuler**, Andy Acton's mother; **Patrick Flinn**, friend of Margaret Ross; **Stuart Family**, friends of Vivian Hodo; **Terry Kearns**, husband of JoAnn Kearns, DHPC bookkeeper; **Kevin Harris**, former DHPC sexton; **George Vesely**, friend of the Widemans; **Martha Butts**, friend of Bob Beard; **Ruth Potter**, former DHPC member and elder; **Dr. Robert A Thweatt**, Kenyon Thweatt's father; **Allie Busby**, Renee Weese's mother; **Kells Weatherby and family**, Jane Weir's nephew; **Michele O Rouse**, Cynthia Middleton's sister; **Birdell Odom Hughes**, Cynthia Middleton's mother; **Joseph Vigilante**, David Vigilante's father; **Christina Georgiadou**, friend of the Vigilante and Adams families

WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday, September 29

11:00AM – *Worship with Rise Against Hunger Meal Packaging Event*

Tuesday, October 1

1:30PM – *Property & Administration Team Meeting*

Wednesday, October 2

6:15PM – *Yoga Prayer*
Handbell Rehearsal

7:30PM – *Choir Rehearsal*

Saturday, October 5

9:30AM – *DHPC Volunteers Serve at ICM Pantry*

Sunday, October 6

8:30AM – *Community Fellowship Bible Study*

9:30AM – *Pastries in the Parlor*

9:30AM – *Nursery Available*

9:45AM – *Adult Explorations Class*

9:45AM – *Sunday School for All Ages*

11:00AM – *World Communion Sunday Worship Service*

12:00PM – *Christian Education, Congregational Life, Finance, and Personnel Team Meetings*

DHPC TO SERVE AT ICM PANTRY

Saturday, October 5, 9:30-1:30

A small group of 5 to 10 volunteers are needed to volunteer at the Intown Collaborative Ministries Food Pantry. Volunteers will do everything from check-in guests to distribute canned goods to sweep floors. Even if you are unable to stay for the entire time, there is still a job for you! This is a great activity to bring a friend to! If you'd like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact Pastor Elizabeth (eacton@dhpc.org).

EXPLORATIONS ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: EARTH CARE

Sunday, October 6, 9:45AM; Parlor

What does it mean to be stewards of the Earth? What is the biblical mandate when it comes to caring for creation? Does it matter if you use plastic straws or eat a vegan diet? Join us for a conversation on all this and more in our October Explorations class. Plus, you'll have an opportunity to practice your advocacy skills learned in last month's class. (Don't worry if you weren't there!) Contact Pastor Elizabeth with any questions.

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

Sunday, October 6, 11AM

The mission team invites you to participate in the Peace and Global Witness Offering, which enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice across the world. A portion of the offering received by DHPC (25%) will be directed to the New Sanctuary Movement, which works to ensure a more just and welcoming Georgia for all immigrant families. The remaining offering is used by Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness. To contribute, simply place your offering in the offering plate marked "Peace and Global Witness." Contact Pastor Elizabeth with any questions.

INTOWN FOOD PANTRY

This week's most needed items are canned vegetables (no mixed veggies), soup, canned chili, canned meat (chicken, Spam, or Vienna sausage), spaghetti noodles, spaghetti sauce, jelly, and macaroni and cheese. Thank you for supporting our hungry friends and neighbors. All the food you bring makes a big difference, especially with such a large number of hungry folks coming to the Pantry. Thank you!

NEW DHPC RECYCLING STATION

The Mission Ministry Team is excited to announce a new recycling opportunity for members of our community! You will find a new recycling station outside the historical room across from the Parlor. The station has three drawers, one for each of the first three items we will be collecting. These items are contact lens waste (blister packs, saline bottles, and the lenses themselves), wine bottle corks, and styrofoam egg cartons. (Egg cartons will be recycled or given to folks with backyard chickens.) All you need to do is bring your clean, dry recyclable items to church and drop them in the correct drawer. The Mission Team will then see that items get to the appropriate recycler. Thank you for the support of this effort to take care of God's creation.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CREATION CARE PODCAST STUDY

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS, OCTOBER 9, 16, 23, & 30, 6:30PM; Online

Do you sometimes feel overwhelmed by all the (bad) news about climate change? Are you wondering how, as people of faith, we might be called to respond and care for God's creation? Have you ever wanted a space to share your hopes, dreams, and fears for our planet? Then this podcast study group is for you. Each week we'll listen in advance to a thirty minute podcast, then gather via video chat on Zoom for discussion and fellowship. (All are welcome—whether you're a seasoned climate activist or just wanting to learn more about creation care, we want to learn with and from you!) Want to sign up? Email Emily (emorrell@dhpc.org)!

CELEBRATE PRIDE WITH DHPC, HOSTED BY YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Sunday, October 13

DHPC believes that love is love, and our community is committed to putting that belief into action by marching in the Pride Parade! Wear your rainbows! Questions? Email Emily Morrell (emorrell@dhpc.org).

Parade Prep, 10 AM, Parlor - Interested in joining the celebration but can't join in the march? Come to the parlor during the coffee hour before worship to help us get ready! We'll make signs, write prayers, apply rainbows to everything we can get our hands on (including ourselves), and listen to fun tunes as we get hyped to march. You don't have to be attending the parade to participate.

Worship, 11 AM, Sanctuary - During worship, marchers will come forward to be commissioned before heading out to the parade.

Pride Parade, 11:15 AM, Departure from DHPC - Want to march? Wear your comfy shoes, bring a water bottle, some sunscreen, and lots of love. Let Emily know you'd like to take part, and she will pass along more transportation/meetup information.

FOREST WALK EXCURSION: PROCTOR CREEK GREENWAY

Saturday, October 19, 9:30AM

Are you a fan of the outside? Do you like fresh air and sunshine? If so, then this activity is for you! Join us for a walk in the woods on a (hopefully) beautiful fall morning. This park is accessible to all, so grab your water bottle, slather on your sunscreen, and join us for some outdoor fun. To carpool, meet at the front church parking lot at 9AM. For more information, contact Anne Townsley (678-592-1474).

YOUNGER YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday, October 19, 6:00PM

All 5th - 7th graders and their friends are invited to spend a Saturday evening with church friends. We'll eat too much junk food, watch a not-so-spooky movie, and maybe even play a game or two of hide and seek. So, grab a buddy and make plans to join us for this night of fun. RSVP to Pastor Elizabeth (eacton@dhpc.org) by Sunday, October 13.

SAVE THE DATE

SECOND SUNDAY LUNCH DATE CHANGE

Please make note that October's lunch will not be on Sunday, October 13 and will, instead, be on Sunday, October 27th.

FALL CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT: UNDER OUR OWN FIG TREE

Friday, November 8 - Sunday, November 10; Hayesville, NC

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INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?

We are so grateful for the visitors (old and new) who add to our community each week. If you have visited the church and are interested in learning more about what it would look like to join, it's really easy; just talk with Pastor Shelli (pastorshelli@dhpc.org). She'll answer questions you may have about DHPC or Presbyterianism, and walk you through meeting our leadership and making your spot in our family official. Just let us know if this feels like the right step for you or if you are curious to learn more.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME AT DHPC

Children of all ages are welcome in the sanctuary during worship. Being present is how children learn to worship, so we welcome their wiggles and whispers. Children's worship bags are available at the entrances to the sanctuary. *(Please return used bags to the basket near where bags were picked up.)* During the Sunday School hour, a class featuring Bible stories, music, and art is available for all infants and toddlers. Additionally, parents of small children are invited to drop off their children in our nursery, Room 115, while they attend worship. We also hope children will take advantage of the PrayGround, which is in the back of the sanctuary and offers room to move, color, and participate in worship in a kid friendly spot.



MAKE YOUR OFFERING DONATION FROM YOUR SMARTPHONE

Simply scan the image you see here using your phone's Quick Response code reader, and you'll be taken to DHPC's secure giving portal, where you can make a one-time or recurring gift using your credit or debit card, or checking or savings account. Payments or gifts for special offerings should be labeled as such in the "Optional Memo" line.

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